



## Get on the Baghdad Bandwagon!

### Bush Outsources Cabinet Members to Iraq

*6 of 15 Bush Cabinet Members Sent to Iraq*



<i><b>Outsourced Cabinet Member Date Visited Iraq</b></i>	<i><b>Quote</b></i>	<i><b>Cuts to America in Bush Budget</b></i>
<b>Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld</b>  <b>Visited: April 2003, September 2003 December 2003, February 2004</b>	Rumsfeld,...said he remained “convinced that the direction that we set from the outset is the right one, and that is being executed exceedingly well.” <i>(12/7/03, New York Post)</i>	<b>Freezes National Guard Benefits Stops Enrollment of VA Priority Vets Cuts 50,000 VA home loans 8.5% cut to VA health care services</b>
<b>State Department Secretary Colin Powell Visits</b>  <b>Visited: September 2003</b>	“I extended to all of the Iraqi leaders I met today the best wishes of the president and ...as a sign of our commitment, the president's request to the Congress for \$20 billion of assistance to come to Iraq in this year, as a supplement to the year's budget -- <u>the largest we've ever done for any country.</u> <i>(Media Availability in Iraq 9/14/03)</i>	<b>Budget omits cost of military operations and peacekeeping in Iraq and Afghanistan, White House expected to make separate supplemental request, after this year's elections, up to \$50 billion</b>
<b>Commerce Secretary Don Evans</b>  <b>Visited: October 2003</b>	“Americans need to come here and see the opportunity. There is great economic opportunity.” <i>(AP, 10/16/03)</i>	<b>Bush Budget shrinks support for export assistance for small businesses and manufacturers by \$10 million in 2006</b>
<b>Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman</b>  <b>Visited: November 2003</b>	“ <i>There needs to be a strategic look at the agriculture and its overall capacity, at what's missing, how (our) government can help.</i> <i>(AP 11/13/03)</i>	<b>Cuts agriculture programs by \$198 million (3.4%) – for USDA farm loans, crop insurance, disaster relief, and field offices.</b>
<b>Labor Secretary Elaine Chao Visits</b>  <b>Visited: January 2004</b>	“Democracy is an essential part of creating a new Iraq, and for democracy to move forward in a positive fashion, finding employment for the people is very important.” <i>(1/28/04, AP)</i>	<b>Adult training, dislocated worker programs cut by \$151 million; freezes Job training</b>  <b>3 Million Private Sector Jobs Lost</b>
<b>Health &amp; Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson Visits</b>  <b>Visited: February 2004</b>	Thompson...said that U.S. aid to provide universal health care to Iraqi citizens should not be compared to efforts in the United States to guarantee the same thing. "Even if you don't have health insurance in America, you get taken care of. That could be defined as universal health care." <i>(Congress Daily AM 3/3/04)</i>	<b>NIH gets lowest increase (2.6%) in 10 years, cut 2.1% next year</b>  <b>Rural health care: \$638 million cut, \$785 million next year</b> <b>\$278 million (64%) cut from Health Professionals Training programs</b>